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Appellants: R.D. Everett et al. Application No.: 09/518,756 Filed: March 3, 2000 Confirmation No.: 6094

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NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF APPEAL

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Sir: Appellants hereby withdraw their Appeal of Examiner N.L. Torres-Velazquez's Final Rejection (Paper No. 12, having a mailing date of June 5, 2002) of claims 1, 4, 6, 7, 9-37, and 39-42. It is also Appellants' intent to abandon Application Number 09/518,756 concurrently with the submission of this Notice. Kindly note, however, that on June 6, 2003, Appellants filed Application No. 09/518,756 Notice of Withdrawal of Appeal Page 2 of 2

Application Number 10/456,099 (attorney docket number 13,507.3), which is a continuation-in-part of Application Number 09/518,756.

Respectfully submitted,

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